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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 8224  
Toru SUZUKI et al. : Docket No. 00653/01-F-011US/UA  
Serial No. 09/854,528 : Group Art Unit 1731  
Filed May 15, 2001 : Examiner Christopher Fiorilla

ORIENTED SINTERED CERAMIC PRODUCT  
AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
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Responsive to the Office Action of March 18, 2003, constituting a requirement for restriction between I) claims 1-3 and II) claims 4-11, Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of claims 1-3.

The Office Action also constitutes a requirement for restriction as indicated in item 4 of the Office Action, in response to which Applicants elect the alumina species.

Both of these elections are made with traverse.

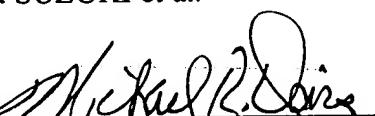
Applicants emphasize that these elections are made while reserving their rights under 35 U.S.C. 121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter.

Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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